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TAGS: UK MORG MPOL
SUBJECT: LEAKS CONCERNING UK ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW
BODY RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: A) LONDON 6075; B) LONDON 6634

1. IN A COMMONS WRITTEN REPLY ON 16 MAY, MULLEY DISCLOSED PUBLICLY THAT THE CHIEFS OF STAFF HAD AUTHORIZED THE DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS ON 18 APRIL OF THE NUMBERS OF UK ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL SEEKING TO LEAVE SERVICE EARLY BECAUSE OF POOR PAY AND UNATTRACTIVE SERVICE CONDITIONS.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD INSTRUCTED MULLEY TO INSTITUTE INQUIRIES IN MOD TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE "UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES." THE DISCLOSURES APPEARED IN ALL THE QUALITY PAPERS JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE CABINET MET TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PAY MADE BY THE ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY (REF. A).

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3. IN HIS WRITTEN REPLY TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION MULLEY SAID "I HAVE TOLD THE CHIEFS OF STAFF THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE SOUGHT AUTHORITY OF MINISTERS IN THE MATTER. THE CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE ACCEPTED THIS AND ACCORDINGLY I REGARD THE MATTER AS CLOSED."
4. OFFICIALS IN MULLEY'S OFFICE HAVE CHARACTERIZED

THE HANDLING OF THIS INCIDENT AS ESSENTIALLY ROUTINE
BUT REQUIRING--GIVEN THE IRRITATION OF THE PRIME
MINISTER AT THE LEAK--A MILD PUBLIC REPRIMAND. THIS
IS NOW CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

5. TODAY'S QUALITY PRESS GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO
THE MATTER. BY AND LARGE TREATMENT IS BALANCED
ALTHOUGH EMPHASIS TENDS TOWARD THE "REPRIMAND"
AND "REBUKE" ASPECTS OF THE INCIDENT.

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